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CALENDAR

May 9. Executive Committee Meeting Club Office, 7:45 Kibitzers welcome.

May 10. Membership Committee (Chapter) Club Office, 7:45 Everyone welcome.

May 11. East Bay Dinner, Whittier School. 6:30 (See article about program following dinner).

May 12. Bay Chapter Conservation Committee. Club Office 7:45

May 19. Club Conservation Committee 7:45 Club Office (we think) Check with Jack Barnard

May 14-15. Beginners' Knapsack trip. See Schedule.

May 15. Mountain Play on Tamalpais. See Schedule.

May 21-22. See your Schedule for several outings. Also, ATTENTION CLAM DIGGERS -1.9 tide Sunday morning.

STATE PARKS WEEKEND

Emphasis will be on some of our coastal State Parks on the weekend of May 21-22 for the car camping trip in the Big Sur Country, and an exploring hike to a possible new State Park.

We will camp Saturday night at Big Sur State Park, and on Sunday the hike will be up Limekiln Canyon, with a promise of waterfalls, ferns, redwoods and a view of Cone Peak, 3 miles away. Because we may be able to have the organization campsite set aside for our use, it is important that you contact the leaders early to let them know you are going. Leaders are Cicely Christy--AShberry 3-2159, and Irene Dermer, SKyline 1-4626.

A special campfire program is being planned for Saturday night about the coastal State Parks. We also suggest you visit some of the coastal State Parks on the drive down--did you know there are 10 of them between Santa Cruz and Big Sur? --CMC

KNOW OUR WILDFLOWERS

For those who missed the March Natural Science meeting of "Plants Close Up", this is your chance to catch that program at the East Bay Dinner, May 11. See wildflowers of the West from the desert to the mountains taken by Charlie Weber. Some slides are close close-ups while others are of the more usual scale.

No better person could present the program than John Thomas Howell of the California Academy of Sciences. Whittier School Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Reservations and cancellations for dinner necessary by Monday, May 9 at 10:00 p.m. Phone Joanne Taylor at YEllowstone 4-7045.

GOURMET GUIDE - 1955 EDITION

The contributions are already coming in for this year's Gourmet Guide--there're nine in our mail box already. We've got great plans for this edition of the Guide. It will be printed on different color paper from the issue of Yodeler that it's to be mailed out with, and it will be separate, so you won't have to tear your Yodeler apart. With your help, it'll be the biggest and most complete Guide we've ever made. So get your contributions in now--the deadline is Monday, June 6.

Tell us what places you like eat at between here and our vacation spots. Tell us where they are--what highway, etc.--whether they'll admit people in jeans, what the prices are and if the food's worth it--and pull no punches here--what kinds of food they've got, what hours they're open, and so on. And if you've got a grudge against a place, let us know that, too, so other Sierrans can be warned. Let's have your contribution now. --AF

DON'T FORGET DINOSAUR

Write your Congressman as an individual, asking that he oppose the dam in Dinosaur. Also, ask your friends in other states to contact their Congressmen. There is still hope that the House will oppose the dam.

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YODELER STUFFING SCHEDULE

May 18 Membership Committee
June 8 Conservation & Conservation Education
June 22 Education & Natural Science Section.

ELECTION RESULTS

Election Committee announces that 3,853 voters have elected the following as Club directors for the ensuing year--listed in same order as on the ballot:

A. Starker Leopold	Charlotte E. Mauk
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Bestor Robinson	H. Stewart Kimball
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**new directors.

IT'S A LAW!

The anti-litterbug bill is now law. It will cost $50 to be caught littering the highway ($200 for a second offense).

Sierra Club members know better than this, and should set a good example for others and remind our careless friends who may not realize how soon an eyesore can develop.

The penalties only apply to the occasional person who is caught--so we really need education to keep our country clean.

NATURAL SCIENCE CALENDAR

May 14-15 (Saturday-Sunday) Car Camping Trip to Fort Ross to look at Indian Mounds and other items of natural science interest. John and Alice McKenzie will lead. Details are in last Yodeler. For information or rides wanted or offered called: Alice or Wil Ward, LAndscape 6-4176.

May 20 (Friday) Natural Science Meeting. An account of the Indians of Fort Ross by Ynez Haase and Nancy Gilmer of the University of California. Mills Tower assembly room, 8 p.m.

A MUST FOR YOUR LIBRARY

This is Dinosaur, a beautiful book, would make a fine gift for yourself or a friend. Its purchase will help conservation, will help spread the word, and will help you. You can kill all these birds with one stone by buying a copy ($5 plus tax) at the Club Office or numerous book-stores.

BUFFET SUPPER AT WEST POINT

A buffet supper will be served on the porches and premises of West Point Inn after the Mountain Play on Sunday, May 15. Price $1.50. This is an excellent way to avoid traffic, rendezvous with friends, and be well fed at the same time. Sierrans, Westpointers, and all are welcome to the dinner by notifying Esther Crites, GRaystone 4-1666 before the week-end. --Esther Crites

CAN YOU HELP?

A Southern California boating enthusiast would like last summer's Paddle Patter, and also any back Yodelers containing boating articles. They are not available in the Club Office; if any readers have such back copies available, please contact E. E. Simmons, 455 South Oakland Ave., Pasadena 5.

MINUTE MUSEUM STARTED

The first in an experimental series of photographic exhibits with a conservation message has been set up in Berkeley Highschool.

This continuing exhibit will be displayed in sporting goods stores, banks, store windows, museums, etc. The first one is a picture of Deer Flat on Diablo. The second will have family camping as its theme. --Conservation-Education Com.

AUNT BARBARA'S CORNER

Dear Aunt Barbara:
I'm in a quandry. Two weeks ago one of my boy friends said, "Are you going to the Annual Dinner?" I said, "I'd love to." This was followed by a dead silence, and I haven't seen him since. Do I have a date or don't I? --Concerned

Dear Concerned:
You have my heartfelt sympathy. Left-handed, half-baked invitations like this deserve little or no consideration. Cheer Up! Don't go with him even if he shows up with corsage in hand at the last minute!
An invitation like that puts a girl at a terrible disadvantage. If you say "Yes", that means you probably have a date. If you say "No" that means you don't want to go or can't go. So you see, if he hasn't learned to deliver a more effective invitation by this time - forget him.
But, if you can't forget him, send me his name, and I'll call him and ask him to go with me. If he says he's got a date - then you've got a date. If he says he hasn't - then I have a date!-Aunt Barbara.

WHAT'S COOKING?

One cook is willing to share her favorite recipe, and one man remembers the desert he liked best. The desert recipe is shorter, and hence first:

Crush peppermint stick candy and add to instant vanilla pudding for a crunchy, delightful surprise.

MACARONI WITH SHRIMPS AND CHEESE

Serves 4 -- Cook 6 oz. macaroni & 4 oz. dried shrimps in salted water. Prepare white sauce from 3 cups boiling water, to which is gradually added a mixture of 1 cup dried milk and 1/2 cup flour blended with 1 cup water. Stir until thickened & add 6 oz. cheddar cheese cut into cubes. Pour over cooked macaroni & shrimps. This can be used as a 1-dish meal by combining the two cooking processes.
(Note: for boating or car-camping substitute a can of Aunt Penny's white sauce.)

SCOUTS NEEDED

Scouts are needed for 1956 Knapsack Trips. Anyone interested in scouting a projected trip for two weeks in Trinity Alps please contact George Fogle, 914 Cerrito St., Albany 6, LA-4-2352, or Bob Braun, 2444 Spalding St., Berkeley, TH-5-5807. --George Fogle

ANSEL ADAMS' EXHIBIT AT ACADEMY

Be sure to see the exciting photo-text exhibit prepared by Ansel Adams and Nancy Newhall, "This is the American Earth," on display at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park from May 6 through June 5. The Sierra Club and the Academy are joint sponsors.
The show portrays conservation in its major aspects, with emphasis on the National Parks and wilderness areas. It is comprised of a stunning series of photographs, both old and contemporary, from a wide variety of sources.
It is intended that the exhibit will help to strengthen public opinion on the importance of protecting and preserving the National Parks and the remaining wilderness.
"This is the American Earth" will be duplicated in a permanent exhibit to be housed in the Club's LeConte Lodge in Yosemite Valley.

NEOPHYTE KNAPSACKERS READY FOR THE TRAIL

When you receive this Yodeler, the Bay Chapter's knapsack course will be over for 1955.
Classes were given in both San Francisco and Oakland and covered equipment, cooking map reading, first-aid, trip planning, campcraft, and how to walk.
I would like to thank all the instructors stencil cutters, and our mimeograph operator for a job well done.
About twenty-five people gave their time to make this course a success.
--Dick Monges
General Chairman

NO PRIVATE CARS, PLEASE--

Please don't bring your private car to Mt. Hood on May 8 as there will be a "bus shuttle". Also, the leader, Lee Stopple warns that this is not a hike for beginners.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Conservation Columnist Cicely Christy has gone a-roving...but she took time out from her Grand Canyon trek to drop us a note! The Desert--The back of the San Gabriel Mountains and out to Twenty-Nine Palms seemed anything but deserted. Cars were driving up and down back roads looking for Section 321 or Lot 25. Ugly small cabins spotted it here and there, and flags showed hoped-for subdivisions. To us, the obvious problem was trash. Out there it never decays, and no decent green grows over it...ancient newspapers flap in the bushes...beer cans and old cars line the highways.

Joshua Tree Nat'l Monument--We all know of Indio's insistence on a road linking it to 29 Palms. That would be a short cut for there is already a good road through the Mohument via Pinto Basin of which only 15 miles is unpaved and good at that. But this is 50 miles longer. It seems unnecessto cut through a wilderness just to make a shorter north-south route. The Monument is still wilderness, but no longer empty. Oldtimers had their favorite camp spots, and they resent the polite herding into "designated areas." Possibly a study would convince us that this is not necessary. On our last night we had the good luck to have Cottonwood Springs Campground to ourselves. In all the wide valley around the oasis there was no sound but owl and coyote, and no point of light but our own campfire. This is wilderness. It is worth preserving!

Between Phoenix and the Grand Canyon are several small National Monuments which protect Indian settlements of seven hundred years ago. Hilltop Fort: cliff dwellings and a great pool and spring from which flows a million gallons a day and which was the center of all life. At one of these small and well-displayed museums, we happened on one of the "Don't Dam Your National Parks" leaflets tucked into a monument pamphlet. The young ranger looked surprised and said hastily, "I didn't put it there." But when he saw us put it carefully back for the next person to fine, he relaxed among friends!

At the bottom of the Grand Canyon, the Colorado looked like molten copper, a gigantic waterborne sanding machine. One of the party asked what happens to all this mud and looked thoughtful when he realized it all ends up in Lake Mead.

MORE EDITOR'S MAIL

Comes an interesting note from Eugene R. Guild, Capt., U.S.A. Ret., of Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

"I've been enjoying the Yodeler which Bob Lally (he was on the Colorado knapsack trip in 1953--Ed). has been letting me read. You may have known my son, John, who was in the Club about 1947 to 1950. Did a lot of skiing in your territory. Went to Korea and was lost there.

"Particularly enjoyed accounts of river tours in your paper--which is excellent, by the way, light but sure touch--because that is my vice, too. Clen Canyon, San Juan, Athabaska, Peace, Liard, White Horse Rapids, Tanan, Gulkana, Matanuska, Susitna, and, of course, the Roaring Fork.

"I use a rubber boat, and hope to do the Green and the Snake next summer. Any of your river addicts, whether of the canoe, foldboat, or bouncing bum-boat brand, thinking of the northern rivers named can get all I know about them in practically no time at all. They are good strong rivers."

Capt. Guild sent along some black and white photos of his "bouncing bum-boat" shooting the rapids in various rivers. They've been sent to WHITE WATER magazine.

MISSING A SCHEDULE?

Did your friends get their Schedule two weeks ago and you not get yours until a week later? Don't think it was because the Club doesn't love you! We had a small mailing crew and had to do the stuffing and mailing job in two spells.

--Helen Waterman

(cont. from left)

Did we see the Colorado as a great natural force for the last time? A river stepping sedately from reservoir to reservoir will leave its gravel behind and cut no canyons. What happens when the reservoirs are full of silt? We have grown out of the idea that one can exhaust a farmand then move on to fresh soil...do we need a new philosophy on rivers?

--CMC

ANNUAL YODELER WHING DING

Aunt Barbara announces a Yodeler party at her house some time next month. The invited are the editorial staff, production staff, outstanding contributors, and their friends. Wish there were room for subscribers.

PADDLE PATTER

THE RUSHIN' RUSSIAN RIVER

So the Russian River is a sissy river? A member of our party, Sunday, May 1, who didn't even bother to bring along a dry set of clothes to wear home, changed his mind in a hurry. Our hats are off to anyone who can maneuver the Squaw Rock rapids. At medium water, such as last week end, there was ample water to cover the rocks, but the water was fast in the chutes. Rocks were scattered about so that the water bounded in every direction in some of the crucial spots. There is a beautiful graveyard there that should be good for rock-eddy hopping. We'd like to see Wolf Bauer demonstrate.

When we took out many hours later, we found the length of our run--after looking over innumerable dubious spots, lining, portaging, making necessary repairs to boats, swimming out to boats marooned among the rocks, rescuing rescue boats, etc.--had been 2.6 miles. We're running into competition with the rockclimbers for the distance covered.

We found that we have an enthusiastic boat-repairman among us. Scott Johnson couldn't even wait until after the first rapid before he smashed his boat for the second time--or maybe he wanted to show off how well he could maneuver a crippled boat through the rapids. He turned his boat around, and paddled with his stern heading downstream and his bow limped along behind him. Well, we think we learned something anyway, and it was a beautiful day.

We also had a "maiden voyage" on the Hopland run. This is the stretch that we scouted three weeks ago and found to be such a good beginners' stretch. We will be using this a lot more in the future. --Elsa Bailey

CANOE RENTALS HURRY!

Those of you who plan to rent canoes for the Russian River on May 15, sign up with leaders immediately; negotiations take time. Remember this is the only area (aside from Lake Merritt) where rented canoes are available. Leaders: Elsa Bailey, FIllmore 6-4616, and Brick Johnson, HUmboldt 3-2195.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to low water we may change the Memorial Day trip from the Eel River to the Klamath. This should be a lovely easy run on the lower part and a fast one that can be taken with care further up. Call Elsa Bailey if you'd like to come.

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There'll be an extra trip on the American River on Saturday June 4. We'll attend the Grand Opening Ceremonies of the new area below Folsom and join the water parade down to Nimbus Dam. Sunday will feature a trip on moving water up above the new Folsom Dam.

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The May 21-22 is listed in the Schedule as Rattlesnake to Folsom on the American River. However, all this area is lake now because of the Folsom Dam.

There'll be a trip on the American that week end. If conditions are right we'll have a slalom on the Middle Fork. Bill Cameron of Sacramento is in charge of the slalom, and Barbara Tilden is trip leader.

BOATS PARADE IN OREGON

Word comes via many columns in a rival publication, the Eugene, Oregon, Register-Guard, that the McKenzie River was afloat on April 24. It was the scene of the Annual White Water Boat Parade, which attracts thousands of spectators and participants every year.

Preceding the opening of trout fishing on the river (April 30), the parade was again sponsored by the McKenzie River Guides Association. 1955 marked the twentieth anniversary of the event.

Most of the 100 or more boats in the parade are of lightweight plywood designed by local boat builders especially for the McKenzie River. Visitors from other rivers sometimes tour the stream in rubber boats, foldboats and kayaks.

Strict rules are laid down for participants so that the event's unblemished record can be maintained. There are occasional dumpings--which accounts for many of the spectators--but there has never been a fatal accident during the boat parade.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

We hear of the volcanic experiences of Ensign Carl Sorem, Barber's Point, Hawaii (AEWRON ONE, Navy 14, Fleet Post Office, S.F.)

"Two months ago the East Rift of the Kilauea Crater began its recent eruption on the Big Island (Hawaii). Many, many years will not dull the memory of the spectacular cones of fire, evidence of this exciting geologic event, as seen on the first weekend following the eruption.

"A volcano, being such a tentative thing, requires your urgent attention if you are to see it. This seemed to justify a spur of the moment weekend on the Big Island."

After flying to Hilo, Carl promoted a light plane....."In covering the 25 miles to Kapoho, site of the eruption, (pilot) Shetterly discussed the loneliness of pilots' wives during the excitement, mentioned the lack of emergency landing fields in the area, and informed us of the hour to hour evolution of the lava flow as he had observed it.

"Soon after takeoff pillars of smoke were seen marking the eruption area and only a little later we were rounding two extinct volcano cones for our first pass down the fault containing eight or ten active cones. At 300 feet spewing cones reached half-way to our little craft.

"Besides seeing the cones we saw the complete lava flow, coming through fields of sugar cane and a papaya orchard, and to the brink of Kapoho village. Our pilot had seen each of the several automobiles and homes on the outskirts slowly isolated and engulfed. The display was not all for tourist amazement but was also a tragedy to those in this area unafflicted with an eruption for 100 years.

"Later in the day following our aerial view we made the trip to the Kilauea Crater, 30 miles from the rift in its side, and into Hawaii National Park.

"Ranger Richard Burns talked informally with us, calling our attention to the seismograph action then taking place. This indicated a current underground disturbance which, if near the surface, would be the basis for predicting future outbursts.

"Burns showed and commented on the Park Service film of previous eruptions. Following our flight and the film we had a great respect for the Hawaiian goddess Pele, who inhabited the Kilauea Crater."

MOUNTAINEARS HEAR...

Got a novel type of birth announcement in our mail--Herb and Phoebe Hinze sent us a miniature three-cornered to announce the arrival of Susan Marie on April 23. And here's one Sierran that's left our fair city for the wide open spaces. Austin Rouse is now living at 3760 Santa Ana Valley Road out in Hollister. A home in the country....If you want to ask an Arab, "Where is the wrench?", to tell him to "Hand me a hammer", then see Jane Tucker. She's busily learning these Arabic conversational gems in - of all places - Arabia.....Our spies tell us that Melza (Ballentyn) and Johnny Wagers are living in Phoenix, Arizona...And here's a clipping that tells how Bill Doub is doing real well at Pomona College where he's a sophomore and ROTC cadet sergeant. Bill has been named outstanding second-year student...River Touring Section wants it to be known that they have not now, nor in the past, nor at any time in the future, ever had, have, or will have any connection with the raft Lehi. So there....Did you hear about the group of Sierrans who had a bulldozer hired on a contingent basis to give the beach at Aquatic Park the once-over for Norton's treasure? They were scooped, unfortunately. This would have REALLY made headlines....Helen Waterman just joined the ranks of foldboat owners. Seems she answered a Yodeler ad, and next thing she knew she owned a double!....The Lou Elliotts are sporting a brand new double foldboat. It's extra long, and the kids ride in the middle....Elsa Bailey's (Unfortunate Miss Bailey) pigtails each got wrapped around a different bush when she was swimming in the brushy Russian--rather inconvenient, eh what?....We'll close with the same old complaint. We'd like to write a longer column, but the shortage of gossip is acute. Yodeler hereby gives you good people permission to do anything you want--provided you tell us about it so we can print it....Here's more, though--just heard that Dick Monges' Rover and Van Allason's Riley were exhibited in the Sports Car Show at Berkeley High School, Sunday, May 1.---AF PS

The St. Helena Craters trip made the Napa Daily Register under the heading "Calistoga Social", and was both a description of the hike and a tribute to Eleanor Shaw.

SANTA LUCIA MARATHON

Jean Morosco and George Baldwin proved last weekend to be trip leaders with a very unusual qualification--namely an inside line to Juniter Pluvius. They persuaded him to turn off the water works for two days to let our knapsackers proceed from Arroyo Seco to the sea in ideal weather.

The bus driver was untouched by all hints that he keep a warm bus at Arroyo Seco, and dumped us out at midnight to spend the night there and make an early start Saturday. There were 30 who showed up for the marathon hike, including Clarence Richmond. Clarence is still unable to stay the course, but came along for the first part of the trip just to see the county.

There were spring flowers, with the creamy sprays of clematis at its best, and hillsides that were verdure tapestries. There were trail-side banks that were natural rock gardens. There were streams amid maple and alder, pine forests, and, of course, the Santa Lucia fir. And everywhere was poison oak in full bloom. Lunchtime found the group spread over a mile or so of trail, with the rear leader in front going frontwards, and the front leader in back going backwards--an inside out type of event necessitated by two newer knapsackers who wisely decided after the first few miles that the trip might be a little too much for them.

Our camp was by a beautiful--but icy--pool on the South Fork, with plenty of room for the group to spread out. Most of the gang were in their sleeping bags early--mindful of the morrow's many miles. The way out started with some 10 crossings of the South Fork. A few nimble souls hopped across from rock to rock, but most gave up and waded. Brrr! The trail was laid out by a sadist--across the river, high up on the canyon wall, down to the river, across, high up again, and so on. Finaly we left the river, and rested by climbing 2,000 feet to the top of Logwood Ridge. It was gay crowd by this time. We finished the afternoon by unclimbing the ridge--half a vertical mile down on blistered toes to where the bus waited.

The trip was scheduled as 26 miles, but the obliging bus driver brought his bus up two miles from the Coast Highway. There are, consequently, two miles short for each person, which will gladly be turned over to anyone wanting a really long trip.

The two nights were good, though different, with Mary-Stewart Hoopes starring at the Saturday camp fire, and the Sunday night supper stop at Fishermen's Wharf in Monterey.

Al Furnish broke with the tradition of camera or glasses, and brought a Geiger counter instead. Al admits that the most Geigers he counted were on the radium dial of his wrist watch.

It was a long trip but it was worth it; our thanks to Jean Morosco and George Baldwin, and a bow to their consideration for those who found that 26 miles is an awful lot of miles. --EU & AF

ARMED FORCES DAY

Ever wonder what goes on in those mysterious buildings on the other two peaks of Tamalpais? Here's your chance to find out. We'll be able to celebrate Armed Forces day by taking a guided tour of the Air Force installations on Tam.

John DeWitt and Hazel Eggett talked to the C.O. up there last Saturday, and he's arranged permission for us to take a look around on Saturday, May 21.

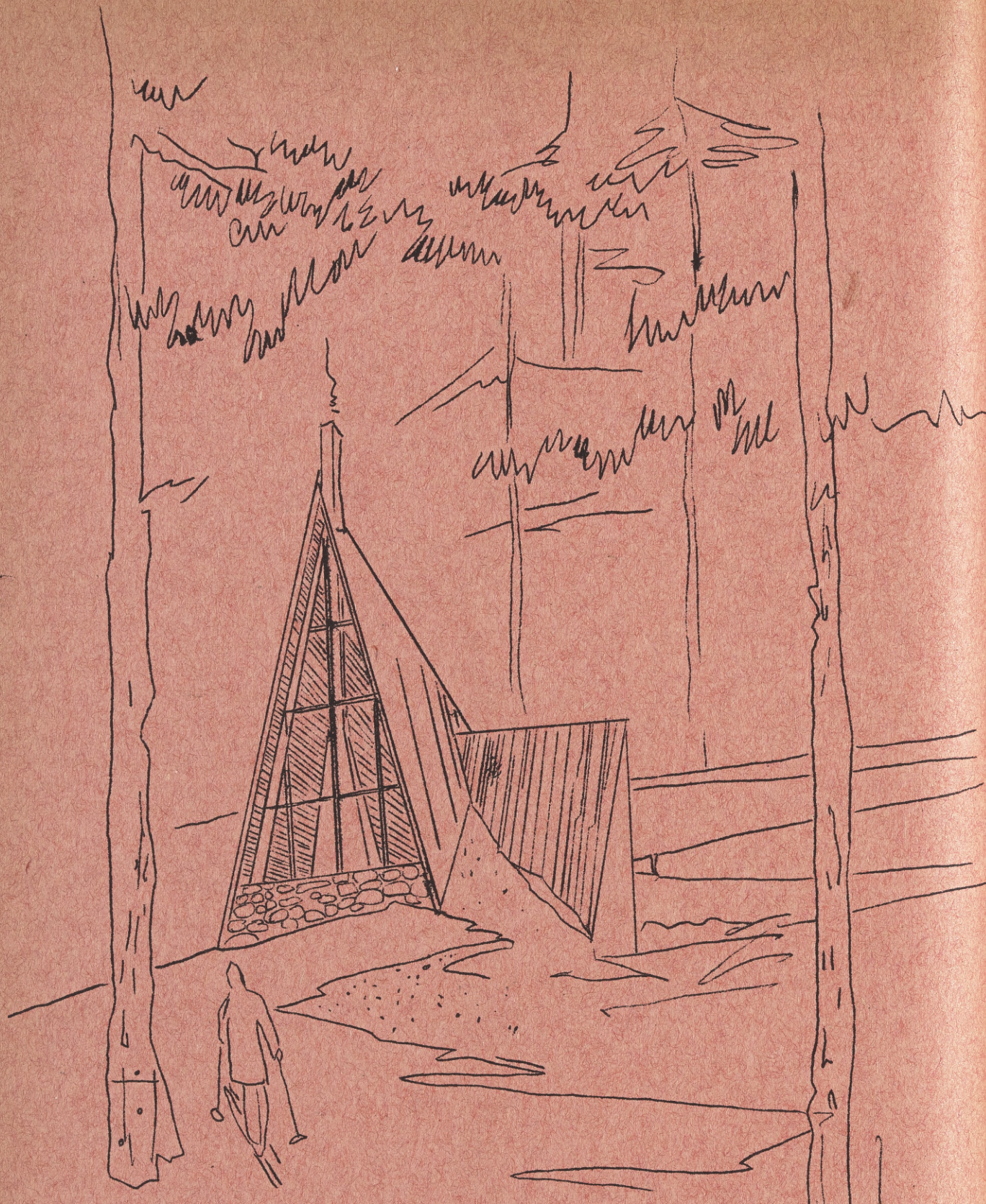
The trip will start from Mountain Home at 9:15 a.m. and go by way of Nora and Eastwood trails to the main gate (a climb of 1500 feet in about three miles). The Air Force makes the usual stipulation that only U.S. citizens will be allowed in - and leave the cameras home. If you'd like to go on the trip, call Hazel or John.

CONSERVATION MEETING

The Mill Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women extends a cordial invitation to all Bay Area conservation groups to attend a meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Park School in Mill Valley.

Professor Woodbridge Metcalf, Extension Forester at U.C. and President of the California Conservation Council, will speak on the subject, "What Can I Do In Conservation?"

(Cont. from left)



SIGNAL HILL WARMING HUT

THE NEW SIGNAL HILL WARMING HUT !! IF IT EVER STOPS SNOWING !!
Volunteers are now being recruited for work parties this summer. We need MANY willing hands !! If interested, contact George Homsey, Chairman of the Warming Hut Committee, at 840 Broderick St., San Francisco. Work parties for this project will be organized separately from the Lodge work parties. Usual priorities will be earned for next winter's reservations at the Lodge for skiing.